

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend Claims 6, 21, 25, 26, 39, and 40 as follows:

Please cancel Claim 38

1.(Previously Presented) An anesthesia delivery device capable of being coupled to a ventilation system having an inspiratory gas input for delivering gas to a patient and an exhaust gas output for delivering gas from the patient to the ventilation system, the anesthesia delivery device comprising:

an inspiratory gas line having a machine end and a patient end portion, the machine end being capable of being fluidly coupled to the inspiratory gas input of the ventilation system, and the patient end portion being configured for being received within the naris of the patient for delivering inspiratory gas to the naris of the patient,

a face mask comprising a dome portion sized to cover the patient's nose without covering the patient's mouth, the dome portion defining an inside air space between the patient's nose and the dome portion, and an outside air space exterior of the dome portion, the dome portion including a gas port, the patient end portion comprising a flexible cannula having a source end disposed in the outside air space, a middle portion extending through the dome portion, and a patient end configured for being received within the naris of the patient for delivering inspiratory gas to the naris of the patient, the gas port of the face mask being sized to slidably receive the flexible cannula for permitting the user to move the cannula relative to the face mask and gas port to enable a user to place an end of the flexible cannula in a desired position within the naris of the patient

a vent for allowing gas to pass between the inside air space and the outside air space, and an exhaust port capable of being fluidly coupled to the exhaust gas output of the ventilation system for allowing gas to pass from the inside air space to the exhaust gas output of the ventilation system;

wherein the exhaust port and vent are capable of cooperatively exerting a negative pressure on the outside air space adjacent to the face mask for preventing inspiratory gases from entering the outside air space adjacent to the face mask.

2. (Original) The anesthesia delivery device of Claim 1 further comprising an eye shield having a shield attachment mechanism for attaching the eye shield to the face mask such that the eye shield covers the eyes of the patient.

3. (Cancelled)

4. (Cancelled)

5. (Previously Presented) The anesthesia delivery device of Claim 1 wherein the vent is formed as a part of the face mask.

6. (Currently Amended) The anesthesia delivery device of Claim 5 wherein the dome portion includes a lower edge, further comprising a cushion member attached to the lower edge of the dome portion of the face mask, wherein the cushion member contains a bladder filled with a gas,

and is scented.

7. (Cancelled)

8. (Cancelled)

9. (Cancelled)

10. (Original) The anesthesia delivery device of Claim 1 wherein the inspiratory gas line comprises a mask connector member for connecting the inspiratory gas line to the face mask.

11. (Original) The anesthesia delivery device of Claim 10 wherein the inspiratory gas line further comprises a first side line, a second side line, and a slide member; wherein inspiratory gases pass between the machine end and the patient end of the inspiratory gas line through both the first side line and the second side line; wherein the slide member surrounds the first and second side lines and is slideable along the first and second side lines allowing the first and second side lines to be placed on opposite sides of the patient's head and the slide member can be positioned to create a snug fit of the inspiratory gas line around the head of the patient to hold the anesthesia delivery device in place.

12. (Cancelled)

13. (Withdrawn) The anesthesia delivery device of Claim 1 further comprising an exhaust connector connected to the exhaust port of the face mask and capable of being fluidly coupled to the exhaust gas output of the ventilation system for allowing gas to pass from the inside air space to the exhaust gas output of the ventilation system, the exhaust connector including the vent, wherein the vent comprises a one way valve for permitting air to flow into the exhaust connector from the outside air space, while preventing air from flowing to the outside air space from the exhaust connector.

14. (Withdrawn) The anesthesia delivery device of Claim 13 further comprising a strap for attaching the anesthesia delivery device to the patient's head, wherein the face mask further comprises a left post extending into the outside air space on one side of the exhaust port and a right post extending into the outside air space on the opposite side of the exhaust port; and wherein the strap further comprise a first attachment point and a second attachment point; the first attachment point being capable of attachment to the right post of the face mask and the second attachment point being capable of attachment to the left post of the face mask.

15. (Withdrawn) The anesthesia delivery device of Claim 13 further comprising an exhaust line attached to the exhaust port of the face mask, and a strap for attaching the anesthesia delivery device to the patient's head, wherein the strap further comprises an attachment mechanism for attaching to the exhaust line to secure the anesthesia delivery device to the patient's head.

16. (Withdrawn) The anesthesia delivery device of Claim 15 wherein the attachment

mechanism of the strap is a slit in the strap, wherein the slit is capable of being placed around the exhaust line.

17. (Withdrawn) The anesthesia delivery device of Claim 13 further comprising a strap for attaching the anesthesia delivery device to the patient's head, wherein the strap further comprises a right side having a proximal end and a distal end, the proximal end of the right side of the strap being attached to the face mask on the right side of the patient's head and the distal end of the right side having a first fastening piece; and a left side having a proximal end and a distal end, the left side of the patient's head and the distal end of the left side having a second fastening piece; the first fastening piece being capable of being mainly connected to the second fastening piece.

18. (Withdrawn) The anesthesia delivery device of Claim 17 wherein the first fastening piece comprises the hook material of a Velcro fastener, and the second fastening piece comprises the eye material of a Velcro fastener.

19. (Previously Presented) The anesthesia delivery device of Claim 1 wherein the vent comprises an aperture in the face mask.

20. (Withdrawn) The anesthesia delivery device of Claim 1 wherein the vent is a one-way flow valve allowing the flow of gas into the inside air space of the dome portion of the mask through the vent, but not allowing the flow of gas out of the inside air space of the dome portion of the

mask through the vent.

21. (Currently Amended) An anesthesia delivery device capable of being coupled to a ventilation system having an inspiratory gas input for delivering gas to a patient and an exhaust gas output for delivering gas from the patient to the ventilation system, the anesthesia delivery device comprising:

an inspiratory gas line having a machine end and a patient end portion, the machine end being capable of being fluidly coupled to the inspiratory gas input of the ventilation system, and the patient end portion being configured for being received within a naris of the patient for delivering inspiratory gas to the naris of the patient,

a facemask comprising a dome portion sized to cover the patient's nose without covering the patient's mouth, ~~and an inspiratory gas port~~ the dome portion defining an inside air space between the patient's nose and the dome portion, and an outside air space exterior of the dome portion, the face mask further including an inspiratory gas port and an exhaust port; ,

the patient end portion comprising a flexible cannula having a source end disposed in the outside air space, a middle portion extending through the dome portion, and a patient end configured for being received within the naris of the patient for delivering inspiratory gas to the naris of the patient, the inspiratory gas port of the face mask being sized to slidably receive the flexible cannula for permitting the user to slidably move the cannula relative to the face mask ~~and~~

~~inspiratory gas port~~ to place the patient end of the flexible cannula in a desired position within the naris of the patient,

a vent for allowing gas to pass between the inside air space and the outside air space, and

an exhaust connector connected to the exhaust port of the face mask and capable of being fluidly coupled to the exhaust gas output of the ventilation system for allowing gas to pass from the inside air space to the exhaust gas output of the ventilation system;

wherein the exhaust port and vent are capable of cooperatively exerting a negative pressure on the outside air space adjacent to the face mask for preventing inspiratory gases from entering the outside air space adjacent to the face mask.

22. (Withdrawn) The anesthesia delivery device of Claim 21 wherein the exhaust connector is bifurcated, having a first leg, a second leg and a third leg wherein gas can flow freely between the first, second and third legs; the first leg being attached to the exhaust port, the second leg capable of being fluidly coupled to the exhaust gas output of the ventilation system, the third leg coupled to the vent, the vent comprising a one-way flow valve allowing the flow of gas into the exhaust connector through the third leg but not allowing the flow of gas out of the third leg through the vent.

23. (Withdrawn) The anesthesia delivery device of Claim 22 wherein the exhaust connector is T-shaped.

24. (Previously Presented) An anesthesia delivery device capable of being coupled to a ventilation system having an inspiratory gas input for delivering gas to ~~the~~ a patient and an exhaust gas output for delivering gas from the patient to the ventilation system, the anesthesia device comprising:

a face mask comprising a dome portion having a lower edge, the dome portion being sized to cover the patient's nose without covering the patient's mouth, the dome portion defining an inside air space between the patient's nose and the dome portion, and an outside air space exterior of the dome portion, a cushion member attached to the lower edge of the dome portion, and an exhaust port for allowing gas to pass from the inside air space of the dome portion;

a vent for allowing gas to pass between the inside air space and the outside air space,

an exhaust port for allowing gas to pass from the inside air space of the dome portion, the exhaust port including an elbow;

an inspiratory port;

an inspiratory gas line having a machine end and a patient end, the machine end being located in the outside air space and being capable of being fluidly coupled to the inspiratory gas input of the ventilation system, and the patient end being located in the inside air space and being configured for being received within the naris of the patient for delivering inspiratory gas to the naris of the patient, the inspiratory gas line passing from the outside air space into the inside air space through the inspiratory port; and

an exhaust line having a machine end and a patient end, the machine end being capable of being fluidly coupled to the exhaust gas output of the ventilation system, and the patient end being connected to the elbow of the exhaust port for scavenging gases from the inside air space of the dome portion, the exhaust line being positioned by the elbow to extend over the forehead of the patient;

wherein the exhaust port and vent are capable of cooperatively exerting a negative pressure on the outside air space adjacent to the face mask for preventing inspiratory gases from entering the outside air space adjacent to the face mask.

25. (Currently Amended) The anesthesia delivery device of Claim 24 wherein the inspiratory port of the face mask is sized to slidably but snugly receive the flexible cannula for permitting the user to move the cannula relative to the face mask and inspiratory gas port to enable a user to adjust the length of the cannula within the inside air space so that the cannula is properly positioned within the naris of the patient; wherein the cushion member is a bladder filled with a gas; and wherein the face mask further comprises an inflation valve for increasing or decreasing the gas pressure within the bladder; ~~and wherein the eye shield further comprises an aperture sized and located to fit around the inflation valve.~~

26. (Currently Amended) The anesthesia delivery device of Claim 24 wherein the inspiratory gas line further comprises a first side line, a second side line, and a slide member; wherein inspiratory gases pass between the machine end and the patient end of the inspiratory gas line through both the first side line and the second side line; wherein the slide member surrounds the

first and second side lines and is ~~slideable~~ slidable along the first and second side lines allowing the first and second side lines to be placed on opposite sides of the patient's head and the slide member can be positioned to create a snug fit of the inspiratory gas line around the head of the patient to hold the anesthesia delivery device in place.

27. (Original) The anesthesia delivery device of Claim 24 further comprising a strap for attaching the anesthesia delivery device to the patient's head.

28. (Withdrawn) The anesthesia delivery device of Claim 27 wherein the strap has a right end, a left end and a central portion being disposed between the right end and the left end; and further comprises an aperture located in the central portion, the aperture being fit around the exhaust line for attaching the strap to the anesthesia delivery device, a first fastening piece located on the right end of the strap, and a second fastening piece located on the left end of the strap, the first fastening piece being capable of being mainly connected to the second fastening piece for attaching the anesthesia delivery device to the patient's head.

29. (Withdrawn) The anesthesia delivery device of Claim 24 wherein the vent is a one-way flow valve allowing the flow of gas into the inside air space of the dome portion of the mask through the vent, but not allowing the flow of gas out of the inside air space of the dome portion of the mask through the vent.

30. (Currently Amended) An anesthesia delivery device capable of being coupled to a

ventilation system having an inspiratory gas input for delivering gas to the a patient and an exhaust gas output for delivering gas from the patient to the ventilation system, the anesthesia delivery device comprising:

a face mask comprising

a dome portion having a lower edge, the dome portion being sized to cover the patient's nose without covering the patient's mouth, the dome portion defining an inside air space between the patient's nose and the dome portion, and an outside air space exterior of the dome portion,

a flow vent for allowing the flow of gas into the inside air space through the vent,

an exhaust port for allowing gas to pass from the inside air space of the dome portion; and

an inspiratory port;

an inspiratory gas line having a machine end and a patient end portion, the machine end being located in the outside air space and being capable of being fluidly coupled to the inspiratory gas input of the ventilation system, and the patient end portion, the patient end portion comprising a flexible cannula having a source end disposed in the outside air space, a middle portion slidably but snugly received in the inspiratory port to extend through the dome portion, and a patient end configured for being received within the naris of the patient for delivering inspiratory gas to the naris of the patient,

an exhaust line having a machine end and a patient end, the machine end being capable of being fluidly coupled to the exhaust gas output of the ventilation system, and the patient end being connected to the exhaust port for scavenging gases from the inside air space of the dome portion; and

an eye shield having a shield attachment mechanism for attaching the eye shield to the face mask such that the eye shield covers the eyes of the patient;

wherein the exhaust port and vent are capable of cooperatively exerting a negative pressure on the outside air space adjacent to the face mask for preventing inspiratory gases from entering the outside air space adjacent to the face mask.

31. (Cancelled)

32. (Withdrawn) The anesthesia delivery device of Claim 30 wherein the face mask includes a scenting material to impart a scent to the face mask.

33. (Withdrawn) The anesthesia delivery device of Claim 32 wherein the scenting material is chosen from a group of scenting materials including fruit scented scenting materials, candy scented scenting materials, flower scented scenting materials, spice scented scenting materials, potpourri scented scenting materials, perfume scented scenting material, gum scented scenting materials, food scented scenting material, and plant scented scenting materials.

34. (Previously Presented) The anesthesia delivery device of Claim 1 wherein the patient end

portion includes a second flexible cannula having a source end disposed in the outside air space, a middle portion extending through the dome portion, and a patient end configured for being received within the naris of the patient for delivering inspiratory gas to the naris of the patient,

35. (Previously Presented) The anesthesia delivery device of Claim 34 wherein each of the first and second cannulas comprise flexible respiratory tubing.

36. (Previously Presented) The anesthesia delivery device of Claim 1 wherein the first inspiratory port is sized for slidably but snugly receiving the first cannula therein to permit the user to vary the length of the first cannula within the inside air space and for snugly engaging the first cannula to resist movement of the first cannula when not being moved by the user.

37. (Previously Presented) The anesthesia delivery device of Claim 36 wherein the patient end portion includes a second flexible cannula having a source end, and a patient end, wherein the dome portion includes a second inspiratory port through which the middle portion of the second cannula passes, the second inspiratory port being sized for slidably but snugly receiving the second cannula therein to permit the user to vary the length of the second cannula within the inside air space and for snugly engaging the second cannula to resist movement of the second cannula when not being moved by the user.

38. (Cancelled)

39. (Currently Amended) ~~The anesthesia delivery device of Claim 38~~ An anesthesia delivery device capable of being coupled to a ventilation system having an inspiratory gas input for delivering gas to the a patient and an exhaust gas output for delivering gas from the patient to the ventilation system, the anesthesia delivery device comprising:

an inspiratory gas line having a machine end and a patient end portion, the machine end being capable of being fluidly coupled to the inspiratory gas input of the ventilation system, and the patient end portion being configured for being received within the naris of the patient for delivering inspiratory gas to the naris of the patient.

a face mask comprising a dome portion sized to cover the patient's nose without covering the patient's mouth, the dome portion defining an inside air space between the patient's nose and the dome portion, and an outside air space exterior of the dome portion.

a vent for allowing gas to pass between the inside air space and the outside air space.

an exhaust port capable of being fluidly coupled to the exhaust gas output of the ventilation system for allowing gas to pass from the inside air space to the exhaust gas output of the ventilation system, the exhaust port including an elbow,
and

an exhaust line having a machine end and a patient end, the patient end being connected to the elbow of the exhaust port for scavenging gases from the inside air space of the dome portion, the exhaust line being positioned by the

elbow to extend over the forehead of the patient

wherein the exhaust port and vent are capable of cooperatively exerting a negative pressure on the outside air space adjacent to the face mask for preventing inspiratory gases from entering the outside air space adjacent to the face mask and

wherein the patient end portion ~~comprising~~ comprises a flexible cannula having a source end disposed in the outside air space, a middle portion slidably but snugly received by, and extending through an inspiratory port in the face mask, and a patient end configured for being received within the naris of the patient for delivering inspiratory gas to the naris of the patient.

40. (Currently Amended) The anesthesia delivery device of Claim 1 wherein the inspiratory gas port of the face mask is sized to slidably but snugly receive the flexible cannula ~~relative to the face mask and gas port~~ to enable a user to adjust the length of the cannula within the inside air space so that the cannula is properly positioned within the naris of the patient.

41. (Previously Presented) An anesthesia delivery device capable of being coupled to a ventilation system having an inspiratory gas input for delivering gas to a patient and an exhaust gas output for delivering gas from a the patient to the ventilation system, the anesthesia delivery device comprising:

an inspiratory gas line having a machine end and a patient end portion, the machine end being capable of being fluidly coupled to the inspiratory gas input of the ventilation system, and the patient end portion being configured for being received within the naris of the patient for delivering inspiratory gas to the naris of the patient,

a face mask comprising a dome portion sized to cover the patient's nose without covering the patient's mouth, the dome portion defining an inside air space between the patient's nose and the dome portion, and an outside air space exterior of the dome portion,

the patient end portion comprising a flexible cannula having

a source end disposed in the outside air space,

a middle portion extending through the dome portion, and having a length disposed within the dome portion, wherein the length of the middle portion disposed within the dome portion is variable by the user, and

a patient end disposed within the dome portion and being configured for being received within the naris of the patient for delivering inspiratory gas to the naris of the patient,

a vent for allowing gas to pass between the inside air space and the outside air space, and

an exhaust port capable of being fluidly coupled to the exhaust gas output of the ventilation system for allowing gas to pass from the inside air space to the exhaust gas output of the ventilation system;

wherein the exhaust port and vent are capable of cooperatively exerting a negative pressure on the outside air space adjacent to the face mask for preventing inspiratory gases from entering the outside air space adjacent to the face mask.